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SUBJECT: OLIVETTI CORPORATION OF AMERICA

REF: STATE 42722 (NOTAL)

1. H.W. BERTINE, REPRESENTING OLIVETTI CORPORATION OF AMERICA, HAS BEEN IN TOUCHE WITH EMBASSY THIS WEEK. HE WAS RECEIVED BY BOTH THE AMBASSADOR AND THE DCM.

2. UNABLE TO ESTABLISH CONTACT DIRECTLY WITH THE AMT FUER DEN RECHTSSCHUTZ DES VERMOGENS DER DEUTSCHEN DEMOKRATISCHEN REPUBLIK (ARV), THE EMBASSY TURNED FOR ASSISTANCE TO SIEMENS AND TEUCHBEIN (USA DESK) OF THE GDR FOREIGN MINISTRY. DESPITE REPEATED REQUESTS THAT A MEETING FOR BERTINE BE ARRANGED WITH APPROPRIATE GDR OFFICIALS, FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS INSISTED THAT THIS WAS NOT POSSIBLE SINCE THE ARV WAS COMPETENT TO ENGAGE ONLY IN CONVERSATIONS AT THE GOVERNMENTAL LEVEL. TEUCHBEIN STATED THAT THE GDR POSITION HAD BEEN MADE CLEAR IN THE CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN UNDERWOOD AND THE ARV DATING FROM 1968, I.E, THAT THE DISPOSITION OF AMERICAN PROPERTY CLAIMS AGAINST THE GDR COULD BE THE SUBJECT ONLY OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE GDR.

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3. BERTINE WILL BE RETURNING TO THE UNITED STATES TO-

MORROW AND WILL WANT TO VISIT THE DEPARTMENT TO DISCUSS
POSSIBLE NEXT STEPS. ALTHOUGH THE STATUTE OF THE
FOREIGN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT COMMISSION MAY PRECLUDE
REGISTRATION OF THE OLIVETTI CLAIM (BECAUSE THAT
ENTITY'S CAPITAL STOCK IS FOREIGN-OWNED), DEPARTMENT
MAY WISH TO CONSIDER, IN LIGHT OF GDR POSITION
DESCRIBED ABOVE, OTHER POSSIBILITIES FOR ESPOUSING
OLIVETTI'S CLAIM. THIS WOULD APPEAR APPROPRIATE IN
VIEW OF THE LATITUDE WHICH PARAGRAPH 10 OF THE
SEPTEMBER 4 PROTOCOL GIVES BOTH SIGNATORY PARTIES
TO RAISE ANY CLAIMS QUESTION WHICH EITHER PARTY
WISHES TO HAVE CONSIDERED.COOPER

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